

# NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

## 2010 INTERIM STUDIES, REPORTS, AND REVIEWS

### REPORTS AND STUDIES REQUIRED BY STATUTE

- **Funds Expended for Species Protection** (2010 General Session, H.B. 2, Item 275)  
The Department of Natural Resources is required to report to the Committee, *"on or before their November, 2010 meeting, providing detailed information on how funds are expended for the Colorado River, June Sucker, and Virgin River plans, including detailed information on contracts issued, deliverables required, and deliverables accomplished."*
- **Department of Natural Resources Water Rights Study** (2010 General Session, H.B. 2, Item 289)  
The Department of Natural Resources is required to study water rights issues and report to the Committee on or before the October 2010 meeting.
- **Recycling Market Development Zones**  
Subsection 63M-1-1103(7) requires the Department of Community and Economic Development to submit an annual written report to the Committee by November 1 of each year: 1) evaluating the effectiveness of the recycling market development zone program; and 2) providing recommendations for legislation.
- **Purchases and Sale of Recycled Paper and Paper Goods**  
Subsections 63G-6-406(6) and (14) require the state chief procurement officer to provide a written report to the Committee by November 30 of each year on the quantity of, and costs associated with, paper recycled and purchased by the state, and on monies received from the sale of recycled paper.
- **Energy Advisor Report**  
Subsection 63M-4-203(1) requires the governor's energy advisor to annually report to the Committee. The report is to, *"summarize the status and development of the state's energy resources; address the governor's energy advisor's activities . . . ; and recommend any energy-related executive or legislative action the governor's energy advisor considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy under Section 63M-4-301."*
- **Legislative Review of State Energy Policy**  
Section 63M-4-302 requires the Committee to, *"review the state energy policy annually and propose any changes to the Legislature."*
- **R.S. 2477 Plan**  
Subsection 63C-4-104(4) requires the Constitutional Defense Council to *"jointly, with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, present a plan [which establishes a broad framework of a proposed working relationship between the state and local government rights under R.S. 2477] approved under this subsection, with any updates to, . . . the . . . Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by July 1, of each calendar year, after providing the plan to the committee at least seven days before the presentation . . ."*

- **Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office Activities and Expenditures**  
Section 63J-4-603 requires the Public Lands Policy Coordinator and Office to "*report annually, or more often if necessary or requested, concerning the office's activities and expenditures to . . . the . . . Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee . . .*"
- **Water Source Protection Ordinance Compliance Report**  
Section 19-4-113 requires the Drinking Water Board to "*report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee before November 30, 2010 on compliance with this section's requirement to adopt an ordinance to protect a public drinking water source and the effectiveness of the ordinance in retaining state primacy in regulating drinking water.*"
- **Remediation Waste Fees**  
Subsection 19-6-118(3)(e) requires the Department of Environmental Quality to "*annually review . . . [remediation waste fees] . . . and make recommendations to the Legislature's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee concerning the amount of the fee.*"

## **2010 MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION** (Assigned by Legislative Management Committee)

170. Access and Improvements to Fisheries - to study how to establish an agreement between the Division of Wildlife Resources and property owners to provide access and improvements to fisheries.
171. Agriculture Services Area - to study whether to allow an agriculture services area.
172. Application of Endangered Species Act - to study how to apply the Endangered Species Act to species which are completely contained within the state and never cross state borders.
173. Canal Safety - to study enacting a Canal Safety Act (1st Sub. S.B. 185).
174. Duration of Deer Hunt - to study whether to change the duration of the general rifle deer hunt (H.B. 417).
175. Environmental Quality Boards - to study modifying provisions to boards, and executive secretaries to boards, within the Department of Environmental Quality (S.B. 223).
176. Fire Funding - to study wildland fire and School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration wildfire funding issues.
177. Groundwater Protest and Studies - to study issues relating to Millard County's legal defense of its groundwater protests, and the ongoing USGS groundwater studies in Snake Valley.
178. Hunting by Grazing Associations - to study whether to provide conservation hunting permits to grazing associations.
179. Sand and Gravel - to study the classification of sand and gravel.
180. Solid Waste Classification - to study the approval process used to determine solid waste facility classifications.
181. Stream Access - to study and explore the possibility of forming cooperative fishing management units.
182. Surface Owner Protection - to study procedures for an operator to follow when conducting an oil or gas operation (H.B. 309).
183. Tire Recycling Fee Distribution - to study the distribution of funds from the Tire Recycling fee, and the fairness of participation and contribution to the fund.
184. Waste Reduction and Recycling - to study a state waste reduction and recycling program.
185. Water Authority Project - to study issues related to the Southern Nevada Water Authority Groundwater Development Project.
186. Water Right Change Requests - to study modifications to the process for changing water rights (S.B. 99).
187. Water Rights and River Recreation - to study water rights related to recreation on Utah rivers.